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- AMENDED SHEET

17. A bandage according to any preceding claim wherein the second absorbent layer includes a polyester felt, suitably an hydrophilic polyester felt.
18. A bandage according to any preceding claim wherein the second absorbent layer includes cotton wool.
19. A bandage according to claim 2 wherein the third layer comprises a polyester viscose material.
20. A bandage system comprising a first bandage according to any preceding claim and a second bandage being a compression bandage, the second bandage comprising a sheet of elastic material and means for releasably maintaining the sheet of elastic material in a stretched condition around the patient's lower leg.
21. A bandage system according to claim 20 wherein the second bandage is formed from a rubber or rubber-like material.
22. A bandage system according to claim 21 wherein the second bandage is formed from a synthetic rubber, for example neoprene.
23. A bandage system according to claim 21 or claim 22 wherein the means for maintaining the material around the patient's limb includes an outer attachment associated with a side edge region of the sheet, the outer attachment comprising a plurality of tabs provided along substantially the length of said side edge.
24. A bandage system according to claim 23 wherein the tabs are so provided along the length of said side edge that there are substantially no gaps between adjacent tabs when the bandage is correctly applied to a patient's limb.

25 A bandage system according to claim 23 or claim 24 wherein one part of a hook and fleece fastening means is provided on an inner face of each tab and the other of said hook and fleece fastenings is provided on the sheet.

26. A bandage system according to claim 25 wherein each tab is stretchable, whereby when the second bandage is applied to the limb of a patient, the degree of stretch of the sheet material and of the tabs determines the pressure applied to the limb at the respective tab.

27. A bandage system according to any of claims 20 to 26 wherein the second bandage includes visual indication means to indicate whether the correct pressure is applied to the limb by the bandage.

28. A bandage system according to claim 27 wherein the visual indication means comprises a shape applied to at least some of the tabs to indicate that the correct pressure is applied when the shape alters in a recognisable way.